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SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEE SITUATION REPORT

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1. THIS IS AN ACTION TELEGRAM.
2. I HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT APPEARS FROM HERE TO BE LACK OF FOCUS ON THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR A GROWING POPULATION OF AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. REFTELS HAVE INDICATED THAT UFP AND UNHCR WILL NEED SOME 130 MILLION DOLS IN 1981 AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US CLEARLY INDICATES THAT ONLY SMALL FRACTION OF THE REQUIRED RESOURCES HAVE BEEN PLEDGED BY DONOR NATIONS. UFP FOOD SUPPLIES ARE EXPECTED TO LAST INTO MARCH AND ACTION WILL BE NEEDED NOW REPEAT NOW IF THERE IS TO BE UNINTERRUPTED FLOW OF FOOD AID TO THE REFUGEES.

3. GOP IS EXPECTING AN EXCELLENT WINTER WHEAT CROP, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IT IS WRONG AND PERHAPS EVEN DANGEROUS TO
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PUT GOP IN A POSITION WHERE IT MUST SEEK TO HANDLE

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GROWING AFGHAN REFUGEE PROBLEMS WITH ITS OWN VERY LIMITED RESOURCES. EXPANDING REFUGEE POPULATION IN NUFF AND BALUCHISTAN IS PRESENTING PROGRESSIVELY MORE DIFFICULT SITUATION AS LOCAL SYMPATHY FOR REFUGEES DIMINISHES AND ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL COST OF REFUGEE PROBLEM BECOMES MORE APPARENT. AFGHAN REFUGEE INFLUX IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AND IF GOP PERCEIVES THAT IT MUST BEAR THIS VERY CONSIDERABLE BURDEN WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT AID FROM THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE, I FEAR THAT PRESSURE FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON AFGHANISTAN WHICH COULD COMPROMISE SOME OF OUR ESSENTIAL INTEREST WILL MOUNT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: I REALIZE THAT COMMITMENT OF NEW USG RESOURCES WILL REQUIRE ACTION BY THE CONGRESS BUT I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONVEY TO THE GOP, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WORD OF OUR INTENTION TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IN 1981 TO AFGHAN REFUGEE EFFORT. WE PROVIDED ABOUT HALF OF THE 100 MILLION DOLLAR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE CHanneled THROUGH UN AGENCIES IN 1980. THE GOP'S OWN BUDGET HAS BORNE A BURDEN EQUAL TO ALL FOREIGN INPUT. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT OTHERS SHOULD DO MORE BUT GOP EXPECTS AND SHOULD RECEIVE VERY SUBSTANTIAL U.S. COMMITMENT AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.
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